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FOR AF/EX KRYZA AND AF/C BUCHANAN FROM AMBASSADOR SPIRO

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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AT POST

REF: (A) STATE 292847; (B) YAOUNDE 4362; (C) YAOUNDE 4279

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A
PROGRESS REPORT ON WHERE WE STAND IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AT THE POST.

2. I BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY OUR TCN NOT
KEEPING ADEQUATE RECORDS OVER PAST THREE YEARS OR LONGER HAVE
BEEN OVERCOME. MUCH OF THE WORK PLAN OUTLINED REFTEL C HAS
BEEN IMPLEMENTED, ALTHOUGH RECONCILIATION STATE PHYSICAL
INVENTORY NON-EXPENDABLE PROPERTY PROVING IMPOSSIBLE DUE
INADEQUATE RECORDS. WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE IN THIS RESPECT
IN FINDING EXTREMELY WELL-QUALIFIED TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES TO CARRY
OUT THIS PROJECT.

3. IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO ASSESS PROGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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REF B AND THE INSPECTOR'S DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS. WHILE THERE
HAS SURELY BEEN SOME PROGRESS, THE QUESTION REMAINS AS TO
WHETHER IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR ADMIN OFFICER AND GSO TO KEEP
ON TOP OF INCREASING ARRAY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN MISSION
WITH EXPANDING PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS.

4. BELIEVE DICK SALAZAR'S VISIT WELL TIMED. I WILL RELY ON HIS PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT ON WHERE WE STAND AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE SITUATION. MEANWHILE, I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT GSO AND DEPUTY ADMIN OFFICER IS IN HIS FIRST FULL-TIME ASSIGNMENT, WHILE ADMIN OFFICER IS IN HIS LAST. THEY CERTAINLY NOT DOING THEIR JOBS NEARLY AS EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS THEY SHOULD BE DONE. BUT ALTERNATIVE MUST BE AN IMPROVEMENT AND TIMED TO LEAVE NO GAP IN ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AND AS LITTLE DISRUPTION AS POSSIBLE. I TRUST SALAZAR WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER, IF IT IS DECIDED ON BASIS HIS EVALUATION THAT RADICAL SURGERY BEST SOLUTION.

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